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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed New Lodge Bill Authorizing the Establishment of a
"Freedom Corps"

1. Colonel King and I learned today that the Joint Chiefs had replied to the request of the Secretary of Defense for comments upon the draft bill prepared by General Reber (the draft discussed in my memorandum of 1 June 1951) by submitting a new draft which removes all of the limitations and restrictions in the Reber draft and which simply authorizes the Secretary of the Army to enlist aliens as though they were US citizens. Apparently, the language repeals all statutory provisions which prohibit the enlistment of aliens. It was our understanding that the study which accompanied this draft expressed the Joint Chiefs' view that the problem is a "manpower problem" and should be treated accordingly, and that alien enlistees should not be kept segregated in separate units but should be integrated fully into US forces.

2. Although the removal of the restrictions which were in the Reber draft would be helpful, it would, of course, be most desirable from CIA's point of view that the enlistees be kept separate. However, there is nothing in the draft on this point and presumably it could be taken care of through the administrative regulations which the Secretary of the Army would issue if the bill were submitted and passed.

3. The Joint Chiefs' comments are now in the Office of the Secretary of Defense where I presume they will be handled for General Marshall by Mr. Goodrich and Mrs. Rosenberg. General Magruder is aware of the problem and we intend to keep in touch with him regarding future developments.



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